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Honorable Judge Kollar-Kotelly:

I would like to call to your attention what I feel are glaring omissions in the PFJ, which allow Microsoft to continue to dominate and monopolize in almost every market, allow exclusionary practices to continue, and fail to adequately punish Microsoft for its anti-competitive behavior. As a Macintosh user, I feel the effects Microsoft's strangle hold on the consumer software market every day. By using the Macintosh Operating System, I can avoid using Windows, though it is a constant struggle to avoid having to use Microsoft's Explorer for Web Browsing or Word and Excel for Word Processing and Spreadsheets, which are just a few examples. Through their domination, they have virtually eliminated competition for consumer and small business software applications even within the Mac OS.

The PFJ is so vague that it only STRENGTHENS Microsoft's barriers to entry and WEAKENS competition. This hurts consumers and limits innovation and is contrary to the free market principles of our nation's economy. Please strengthen the PFJ to satisfy the Court of Appeal's mandate ruling

"a remedies decree in an antitrust case must seek to 'unfetter a market from anticompetitive conduct', to 'terminate the illegal monopoly, deny to the defendant the fruits of its statutory violation, and ensure that there remain no practices likely to result in monopolization in the future" (section V.D., p. 99).

The PFJ, in its current form, does none of these things, thereby violating the public trust.

Thank you for your consideration.

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